

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1907 – HB 1545

April 1, 2009

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005813): Deletes all language of the original bill except for the effective clause. Redefines “sponsoring organization” as any organization that organizes or arranges for the voluntary provision of health care services and that registers with the Department of Health and charges clients on a sliding scale according to income. Redefines “voluntary provisions of health care services” as providing of professional health care services by the health care provider without charge to the recipient or to a third party.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- The proposed bill as amended may result in additional organizations registering with the Department of Health as a sponsoring organization. Any increase in registration will not result in a significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- The proposed bill as amended establishes that only licensed health professionals who provide voluntary health services are not liable.
- The Board of Medical Examiners will make necessary changes to rules relative to special volunteer licenses during a regularly scheduled meeting which will not result in a significant increase in expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2008, the Board had a positive balance of \$108,302.81.

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CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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